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SUBJECT: MAY 16 MEETING OF S&T COMMITTEE

1. RECOGNIZING POSSIBILITY THAT BY MAY 16 THE SPANISH SIDE MAY NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES EITHER BECAUSE

COMISION ASESORA HAS NOT MADE ALLOCATION TO SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES OR BECAUSE IT IS UNWILLING TO MAKE SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS EXCEPT IN CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL ALLOCATION, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT JOINT COMMITTEE COULD STILL APPROVE CERTAIN COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITHOUT SPECIFIC FUNDING ALLOCATIONS, LEAVING EXACT FUNDING DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BY COOPERATING AGENCIES AT LATER DATE FOLLOWING COMISION ASESORA APPROVAL. EMBASSY COULD, ON BEHALF OF US CO-CHAIRMAN AND AFTER DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION, APPROVE FINAL FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR USG.

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2. SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM AND HENCE WOULD BE USEFUL. IT WOULD ALSO ASSURE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BE A PART OF S&T PROGRAM. WE EXPECT THAT AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (AND POSSIBLY SOLAR ENERGY) MIGHT BE THE ACTIVITIES TO BE SO APPROVED.

3. IN APPROVING THESE ACTIVITIES, US WILL ALSO STIPULATE THAT FUNDS WHEN APPROVED ARE TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE COOPERATING U.S. AND SPANISH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ACCORDING TO THE JOINTLY AGREED FINANCIAL PLAN DRAWN UP BY THESE AGENCIES. IN ESSENCE, FUNDS TO SUPPORT SPANISH AGENCY PARTICIPATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE SPANISH AGENCY WHILE FUNDS TO SUPPORT U.S. AGENCY PARTICIPATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE U.S. AGENCY. ALSO, ALL EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH MUST BE OF U.S. SOURCE AND ORIGIN. THE U.S. DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT PARTICIPATING U.S. AGENCIES WOULD BE ABLE (THROUGH GSA) TO MAKE SUCH PURCHASES AT THE MOST ECONOMICAL PRICES. ACCORDINGLY, FUNDS FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE U.S. AGENCY.

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